



# St John's, Stoneleigh

## Weekly Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's this morning at 9.30am and 11.00am. Looking back over these past weeks we give thanks for every opportunity we have had to celebrate and enjoy fellowship and service together. Geoff's priesting, the church family BBQ and the Community Fair are examples. Thank you to everyone who has supported and shared in these events.

Ahead are the summer holidays and the service details are printed below.

We are completing the Ten Commandments this morning looking at the issue of Truth and next Sunday Rev. David Senior will be speaking on "The Greatest Commandment" God bless you.

### SUMMERTIME SERVICES: FORMAT

Starting from July 31 and continuing throughout August, we will be running one service on Sunday morning at 10am. This will be a service of Holy Communion but with provision for families, including KidZone. The service will include a slightly shorter Eucharistic prayer, a mix of music styles, and the use of the big screens for liturgy as well as the hymn/song words. This will make the service easier to follow for those not used to finding their way around the worship booklet.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### SUMMERTIME SERVICES: THEME

On July 31, Rev Ken and I are both away and we are delighted that David Senior from St Paul Howell Hill will be with us to lead and preach for the final Sunday on the 10 Commandments series. During August, Ken will preach on the 1st and 4th Sundays on two of Jesus' parables, and I will be preaching on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays on Prayer & Healing in anticipation of re-introducing prayer ministry to our services on a regular basis in the Autumn. Please pick up a sermon series card from church.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### CONCERT

On Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> a concert with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley will be at St John's. Paul Jones was the lead singer for Manfred Mann and the Blues Band and they will be sharing their faith in words and music and speaking at both Services on the Sunday. This is a significant outreach event for us and our local churches. Details to follow on tickets etc. in due course. Book the Date!

There is a sign up sheet at the front of church so we can get an idea of numbers. Please add your name and how many tickets you intend to buy. Many thanks.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9:30am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

*Tim Rogers*

### THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking place. For the Zoom link, please email the office.

### DONATING TO ST JOHN'S



If you would like to contribute financially to the work of St John's, you can donate using this QR code. Using your smartphone's camera will take you straight to a page where you can make a donation using a credit card. Thank you.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### OFFICIAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

We are phasing out our old BT email address and it will stop working later in the year. When sending emails to the St. John's office, please update your address book and use [office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk) if you can.

*Tim Rogers*

### FOODBANK

I've had a very interesting newsletter from the Foodbank - much too long, I'm afraid, to include here. It describes all the amazing things that the new company is achieving and I can recommend it as a thought provoking read. If you would like me to forward you a copy please ask or contact me through the Office. Meanwhile the lists of requests continue to grow. Thank you all so much for answering the call and supporting the Foodbank's work.

They have completely run out of: Sponge pudding, Chocolate spread, Cooking sauce, Chocolate, Powdered milk

They also urgently need: Tinned vegetables, Tinned spaghetti ie. hoops, Tinned fish, Noodles, Weetabix, Pasta sauce, Brown sauce, Small bags of sugar, Long life fruit juice, Squash, Biscuits, Rice pudding, Children's treats - Freddo's, chocolate buttons etc.

Toilet roll, Sanitary towels, Adult toothbrushes, Adult toothpaste, Baby wipes, Shampoo, Washing powder

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, beans, rice, washing up liquid, cat food, dog food, peanut butter, milk UHT, non-dairy milk.

### REV. MARK BORLEY

Mark Borley, who used to be the Vicar here, is coming to have tea with me on Friday 12th August between 2.00 and 5.00. Anyone who would like to come and join us for tea and

scones on that day would be very welcome. Mark is happily settled in Kent now and would be pleased to see people from St John's. It would be good to know in advance who is coming so that I know how many scones to make. My address is 6 Lyncroft Gardens, Ewell KT17 1UR and my phone number is 020 8393 4356 and my email address is [suepennington@uwclub.net](mailto:suepennington@uwclub.net).

*Sue Pennington*

**CALLING ALL WELCOMERS, COFFEE MAKERS, SERVICE COORDINATORS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 – 11.00am**

Rev. Ken, Rev. Geoff and the Church Wardens invite you to a Coffee Morning to discuss the workings of these various duties that are so kindly undertaken by members of St John's.

**SUMMER FAIR**

A huge thank you to all participants, donators, cake bakers, volunteers and stall holders for all their support in making our Summer Fair such a big success. It was a lovely event, helping the work of St John's and having fun into the bargain!

**Order of service for 9:30am**

From our worship booklets

Theme "Fight Truth Decay"

Jesus said **"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32)**

**Greeting p5**

**Hymn** Angel Voices Ever Singing (MP 34)

**Confession p7** (Most merciful God...)

**Hymn** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (MP111)

**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Exodus 20:1-16-21 read by Chris Redrup**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

**Matthew 5:33-37 read by Chris Redrup**

'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made.

But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

**Sermon Rev. Ken Hobbs**

**Song** Lord I Come to You (MP 880)

**Creed** p14

**Prayers** p15 Margaret Hobbs

Peace p17

**Hymn** Faithful One So Unchanging (MP 825)

Communion Prayer Prayer H, p33

Lord's Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p20 (We do not presume...)

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22 (Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us...)

**Hymn** Amazing Grace (MP31)

Blessing p23